



# Service-Learning and National Service

## THE FACTS

The Corporation for National Service links service and learning through a variety of programs and initiatives. For more information, visit [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).

### Learn & Serve America Grants Program

Through the service-learning programs that Learn and Serve America supports, more than 1.5 million students in kindergarten through college apply academic skills to meet community needs in over 3,000 communities. In schools, colleges, and community organizations, young people of all ages improve their studies, develop problem-solving skills, and incorporate the habits of good citizenship while improving their communities. For more information, contact your state department of education, call (202) 606-5000, x136, or visit [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).

### President's Student Service Challenge

Millions of students volunteer every day—improving communities and making America stronger. Launched in 1999, the President's Student Service Challenge is an opportunity for schools, colleges, and community organizations to recognize young people for their outstanding community service and to encourage more young people to serve. The Challenge has two components:

- **Scholarships.** Each high school in the country may select two students from the junior and senior classes to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for outstanding community service. The Corporation for National Service provides \$500 for each scholarship, matched with \$500 from the community. Scholarship recipients must have served at least 100 hours within the past 12 months. In addition to the scholarship, students receive a gold pin, certificate, and a letter from the President. For

more information, call (888) 275-5018 or visit [www.student-service-awards.org](http://www.student-service-awards.org).

- **Awards.** Any student in kindergarten through college who serves at least 100 hours in a 12-month period (50 hours for K-8th-graders) may receive the President's Student Service Award. Students may be certified by schools, colleges, or community organizations and receive a pin, certificate, and a letter from the President. For more information, call (302) 622-9107 or visit [www.student-service-awards.org](http://www.student-service-awards.org).

### National Service-Learning Leader Schools

Through this presidential initiative, up to 100 high schools and 100 middle schools are recognized each year for excellence in service-learning. These Leader Schools are then asked to help other schools start or improve their service-learning programs. For more information, call (800) 628-8442 or visit [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).

### Training & Technical Assistance

For more information on service-learning, please contact:

- the **National Learn and Serve America Service-Learning Clearinghouse** at (800) 808-7378 or <http://umn.edu/~serve>;
- the **Learn and Serve America Training and Technical Assistance Exchange** at (877) 572-3924 or [www.lsaexchange.org](http://www.lsaexchange.org); or
- the **Corporation for National Service** at [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).